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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Board Of Physical Therapy Examiners

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JULY 17, 2007

The July 17 meeting of the Maryland Board of Physical Therapy was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by Chairperson Margery F. Rodgers, PT.

Call To
Order

Present: Shirley Leeper, PTA, Vice Chairperson
Jill Kuramoto, PT Board Member
Donald Novak, PT Board Member
Lois V. Rosedom-Boyd, Consumer Member

Also Present: Ann E. Tyminski, Executive Director
Joy E. Aaron, Deputy Director
Ernest Bures, Compliance Manager
Patrick Rooney, Investigator
John Miller, PT CCBC PTA Program Instructor
Lori Mizell, PT representing APTA of MD, Inc.
Paula McComish, PT

The minutes of the June 19, 2007 meeting were read and approved.

Minutes

The first order of business was Ms. Kuramoto's resignation letter effective October 10, 2007 because of a planned move out of the country. The Board reluctantly accepted the resignation and the Department and Governor's Offices will be notified of this event. Ms. Kuramoto will advise Ms. Tyminski of a date on which the Board may honor her.

Resignation

The reinstatement applications of Robin L. Steinberg, PT; Robert Agosto, III; and Paula McComish, PT were reviewed. Ms. McComish was present and wished to address the Board. She indicated she was sorry for her failure to renew on time and requested that the Board consider her reinstatement application favorably. The Board approved all three reinstatement applications.

Reinstatements

The applications of foreign educated physical therapists, and their requests that the Board waive the Test of English as a Foreign Language requirement were reviewed. The Board has the authority under statute to waive any examination for any applicant who is licensed to practice in another state. The Board deferred to staff judgment and requested that staff contact Ms. Kyoto Ichihara and Ms. Felvina Renna to ascertain whether or not their spoken English is acceptable.

Waiver of TOEFL

The inquiry from Courtney Siler regarding ultrasound imaging was reviewed and discussed. The Board felt that they did not know enough about this process nor was it taught in the PT Education programs and therefore Ms. Siler will be

Ultrasound
Imaging

advised that this is not within the practice of physical therapy at this time.

The request from Janice Colaco, PT regarding writing monthly summary notes and re-evaluations for any patient that stays in her long term care facility beyond thirty days was reviewed. The Board advised that a re-evaluation is required every thirty days and that the content of the Documentation regulations found at COMAR 10.38.03.02-1 must be followed.

Documentation

An inquiry from Ruth Blatt, Area Manager, NeighborCare Professional Pharmacies regarding blanket prescriptions for physical therapy clinics was reviewed. She will be advised that the prescriptions must be patient specific, the patient could bring in his/her own script and take the medication to the physical therapy clinic for use on that patient only.

Blanket
Prescriptions

Letters from Anne Arundel County School System and Maryland State Department of Education regarding PTAs in the schools were reviewed.

PTAs in Schools

An e-mail from David C. Ter Borg, PT regarding chiropractors offering physical therapy was reviewed. The response will be that chiropractors who are licensed to do so may render physical therapy but may not call themselves physical therapists. He will be urged to be active legislatively to protect the practice of physical therapy.

Chiropractors

A draft letter to Deputy Secretary James Johnson regarding the move to the third floor of the Patterson Avenue Building was discussed. Ms. Rodgers is working on a re-draft to request the Department to change its decision to put investigators in a bull-pen type arrangement with investigators for other boards.

Move

The report of income was reviewed. Mrs. Tyminski reported a discussion she and Mr. Bures had with an orthopedic surgeon regarding the proposed licensing of athletic trainers. This orthopedic surgeon was of the opinion that athletic trainers usefulness to orthopedic practices would be in marketing alone. Mrs. Tyminski reported that the office secretary III position has been filled as of August 1, 2007. Ms. Sandra Kurland was the successful applicant. The final report was an update on animal physical therapy and the Board was given a copy of a presentation delivered at an APTA meeting by Marilyn Moffett. Mr. Steve Strunk met with Del. Simmons of Montgomery County with the idea that perhaps Del. Simmons would be favorable towards physical therapists treating animals.

Reports

Ms. Rodgers and Mrs. Tyminski reported on their presentation at Baltimore Washington Medical Center regarding the PT Practice Act. The presentation went well. There were 22 people in attendance. Presentations of this type hopefully will be helpful to licensees to keep them from violating the Act.

The Chiropractic Board newsletter was reviewed and an article that appeared in "TOPICS" about the recent change in the law allowing physical therapists to form Professional Associations or Professional Corporations was discussed.

Informational

On a motion made and voted, the Board entered Closed Session to discuss an applicant with medical issues followed by a vote to move into Administrative Session at 2:15 p.m.

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The Board left Administrative Session at 4:00 p.m. to discuss continuing education applications. The Board reviewed and denied the "First Annual Strength and Conditioning Athletic Performance Clinic" to be offered on July 21, 2007 at Loyola College because it was primarily focused on coaches and other unlicensed people. The second course, "Sport Specific Training and Rehabilitation" to be Offered on November 17, 2007 was approved.

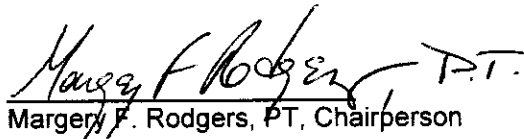
Continuing
Education

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann E. Tyminski, Executive Director



Margery F. Rodgers, PT, Chairperson

Date: August 21, 2007